

# *City of Alexandria, Virginia*

## **MEMORANDUM**

DATE: APRIL 4, 2012

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FROM: T&ES STAFF

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM # 5- STAFF UPDATES

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**ISSUE:** Staff update to Transportation Commission (Commission) on various ongoing projects

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Commission receive the staff update.

**A. CRYSTAL CITY-POTOMAC YARD TRANSITWAY:**

The City received a grant for the Crystal City/Potomac Yard Transitway totaling \$8.5 million. The grant will be allocated to the design/build of the Route 1 Bus Rapid Transitway (BRT) between Monroe Avenue and Potomac Avenue in a dedicated transitway.

60% design plans are due to the City for internal review and comment March 28, 2012. A public meeting to discuss the layout and elements of the facility is scheduled for April 18, 2012 from 7-9pm at Cora Kelly Recreation Center.

A staff report and recommendation related to the 60% design and approval of the final type and design of the dedicated transit service will be taken to Planning Commission on May 1, 2012, Transportation Commission on May 2, 2012 and City Council (Public Hearing) on May 12, 2012.

Construction is anticipated to begin July, 2012 and be completed in Winter, 2013.

**B. POTOMAC YARD METRORAIL STATION:**

The Potomac Yard Metrorail Station project is an infill Metrorail Station to be located between the current National Airport and Braddock Road Metrorail Stations on the blue and yellow lines and be located in the vicinity of the Potomac Yard Development.

The next meeting of the Potomac Yard Metrorail Implementation Working Group (PYMIG) is scheduled for May 16, 2012 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Council Workroom in City Hall. Work continues on the impact analysis of various social, environmental, and transportation elements. Available information from the impact analysis will be discussed at the next PYMIG meeting.

**C. ROUTE 1 CORRIDOR STREETCAR CONVERSION PROJECT:**

This project is being coordinated with Arlington County and is comprised of a feasibility

study for an eventual conversion of a portion (or the entire 5-mile length) of the CCPY Transitway (Route 1 BRT) to streetcar use. Consultations with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) are underway to determine the necessary environmental classification of the feasibility study but it is anticipated that an Alternatives Analysis/Environmental Assessment (AA/EA) process will be recommended.

Draft design guidelines are being prepared as well as a policy committee, technical committee, and public outreach plans for the project.